MAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). Pursuant to the policy of the government to make the exporters themselves responsible for meeting the overseas buyers' quality requirements, Star Trading Houses, Trading Houses and Export Houses have been exempted from the purview of compulsory pre-shipment inspection.

Seizure of Smuggled Gold

5278. PROF K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the contraband gold seized by customs and central excise officials during the last one year in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the incentives given to the officials for seizing the smuggled gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The quantity and value of contraband gold seized by Customs authorities throughout the country during the period from 1st July, 1990 to 30th June, 1991 is given in the table below:

Quantity (in kgs.)	Value (Rs. in crores)
*6143	*210.57

*Figures are provisional.

Sate-wise statistics of the contraband gold seized are not maintained separately.

(b) The present reward scheme provides for grant of rewards to Government servants upto the limit of Rs. 500 per 10 grams (purity of gold 999.5 milli or more) of contraband gold seized. The normal ceiling is Rs. 250 per 10 grams of gold seized. However, in exceptional cases where officers display rare initiative or effect seizures putting their lives to risk, higher reward upto the ceiling of Rs. 500 per 10 grams may be sanctioned.

Curbing Black Money

5279. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seven member expert committee on black money appointed by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recommended a number of measures to curb generation of black money;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the committee; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The report, *inter-alia* recommends that stamp duty on land transactions be reduced to 2-3 per cent, provisions of Urban Land Ceiling Act be modified, removal of controls on newsprint production and change in allocation of newsprint, delicensing of activity pertaining to raw materials, production and distribution for textiles abolition of octroi and import of gold against payment of import duty etc.

2. The recommendations/suggestions made by the Committee set up by the ASSOCHAM as also other Associations and individuals are kept in view while formulating economic policies of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Export of Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines

5280. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Auyrvedic and Unani medicines are being exported;

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which these medicines were exported alongwith the names of medicines and the foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise, during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to promote the export of these medicines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Ayurvedic and Unani medicines are being exported from India to USSR, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, USA, Switzerland, UK, etc. The estimated value of exports of Ayurvedic and Unani medicines during the last three years is given below:

Year	Value of exports (Rs. Crores)
1988-89	2.67
1989-90	2.92
1990-91	7.29

(Source: Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Bombay)

Export statistics of individual items of medicines countrywise are not being maintained.

(c) to (e). To popularise the Indian systems of medicines in overseas countries, a book captioned "Monograph on Selected Medicinal Plants" is being brought out which will be circulated through Indian Missions abroad. The Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Bombay have planned to sponsor a delegation of exporters of ayurvedic and Unani medicines to European Countries to study the market potential.

Export of Foreign Exchange Earning Goods

5281. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have exported finished goods, on production of which no foreign exchange was spent, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the States from where these goods have been exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to promote such industries; and

(d) if so, the plan of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). It is extremely difficult to identify exports of finished goods with zero import intensity since import content could be direct or indirect. It is also difficult to identify the States from where such finished goods are exported.

(c) and (d). The Government is according priority to higher value addition of exports and low import intensity. The exchange rate policy is also designed to discourage imports and encourage exports. The Trade Policy reforms announced by the Government are also aimed at strengthening export